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Mr. Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C., 20505

Dear Mr. Gates:

At the suggestion of Morton Abramowitz, I am sending you a copy of a study I recently completed entitled "The Politics and Practice of Secret Intervention in American History." This study provides an historical overview of past U.S. practices with respect to covert action and other secret activities.

The study was prepared by me for Abraham D. Sofaer, the Legal Adviser of the State Department. I am one of his special assistants. Judge Sofaer is still reviewing the study. In the meantime, he authorized me to send copies of the paper to interested persons informally as my own work. The study is unclassified. I think you will find it informative.

Needless to say, the role of covert action as a component part of U.S. foreign policy is a topic that is generating considerable debate at the present time. I believe that this study could help contribute to the debate by providing an historical framework for discussions about the use of secret intervention as a tool of U.S. foreign policy. I would be interested in any comments you or your staff might have or suggestions as to who else might want a copy of the paper.

By the way, Howard sends his warm regards.

Sincerely,

Gayle Radley Teicher
Attorney Adviser



Enclosure

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